

**ABSTRACT PETER-WEYL THEORY FOR  
SEMICOMPLETE ORTHONORMAL SETS**

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**Abstract**

The central concept in the harmonic analysis of a compact group is the completeness of Peter-Weyl orthonormal basis as constructed from the matrix coefficients of a maximal set of irreducible unitary representations of the group, leading ultimately to the direct sum decomposition of its  $L^2$ -space. A Peter-Weyl theory for a semicomplete orthonormal set is also possible and is here developed in this paper for compact groups. Existence of semicomplete orthonormal sets on a compact group is proved by an explicit construction of the standard Riemann-Lebesgue semicomplete orthonormal set on the Torus,  $T$ . This approach gives an insight into the role played by the  $L^2$ -space of a compact group, which is discovered to be just an example (indeed the largest example for every semicomplete orthonormal set) of what is called a prime-Parseval subspace, which we proved to be dense in the usual  $L^2$ -space, serves as the natural domain of the Fourier transform and breaks up into a direct-sum decomposition. This paper essentially gives the harmonic analysis of the prime-Parseval subspace of a compact group corresponding to any semicomplete orthonormal set, with an introduction to what is expected for all connected semisimple Lie groups through the notion of a  $K$ -semicomplete orthonormal set.

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### §1. Introduction.

Harmonic analysis on a compact group is mainly a direct consequence of the famous *Peter-Weyl theory* which gives a consistent method, via the computation of the matrix coefficients of its *irreducible unitary representations*, of deriving a *complete orthonormal set* which is immediately responsible for the direct-sum decomposition of its  $L^2$ -space and *regular representation*. Even though such a complete orthonormal set is non-existence for non-compact topological groups and hence the harmonic analysis on *non-compact topological groups*, as we know for *connected nilpotent* and *semisimple Lie groups*, has had to be developed through other means notably via the differential equations satisfied by the (*spherical*) functions derived as matrix coefficients of irreducible unitary representations constructed from *parabolic* and *cohomological inductions* and the completeness afforded by the *Plancherel theorem* (which in the final analysis still depends on the availability and properties of the *discrete series* (known to be the irreducible unitary representations corresponding to some complete orthonormal set) of some distinguished compact subgroups), it still found to be appropriate (and to have a sense of finality) to have some forms of *Peter-Weyl* results on such *non-compact topological groups*.

It is however possible to get at the decomposition of the regular representation of a compact group  $G$  (for a start) via the indirect use of the notion of a *semicomplete orthonormal set* on such a group, leading to the consideration of a distinguished subspace of  $L^2(G)$  which is established to be *topologically dense*. The study in this paper opens up this field of research by a detailed look at the *compact case*. The paper is arranged as follows.

§2. contains a quick review of the well-known notion of a complete orthonormal set on a compact group, giving the detailed of the aforementioned consistent way of constructing such a set through *Peter-Weyl theorem* which then leads to the direct-sum decomposition of its  $L^2$ -space. The concept of a *semicomplete orthonormal set* on a compact group  $G$  is introduced in §3. with constructible examples (prominent among which is the *Riemann-Lebesgue* orthonormal set) on the Torus,  $\mathbb{T}$ , where we derived and used the properties of the *Fourier* and *prime-Parseval subspaces* of  $L^2(G)$ . Chief among these properties is the topological denseness of every *prime-Parseval subspace* in  $L^2(G)$ . This takes us to the *Fourier transform* of the *prime-Parseval subspace* and its

direct-sum decomposition into *invariant subspaces*. The last section gives an introductory extension of the results of §3. on compact groups to connected semisimple Lie groups with finite center.

## §2. Fourier and Parseval subspaces for complete orthonormal set.

A mutually orthonormal family  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  in a Hilbert space,  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  is said to be *complete* (in  $H$ ) if  $x \in H$  is such that  $\langle x, \chi_\alpha \rangle = 0$  (for every  $\alpha \in A$ ) implies  $x = 0$ . This means that a family  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  of mutually orthonormal members of  $H$  is complete whenever it can be shown that the zero element of  $H$  is the *only* non-member of the family that is mutually orthonormal to all members of the said family. Two other equivalent methods of confirming the completeness of the family  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  are as follows.

**2.1 Lemma.** ([5.], p. 3) *Let  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  denote a mutually orthonormal family in a Hilbert space  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ . The following are equivalent:*

- (a) *Every  $x \in H$  can be expressed as  $x = \sum_{\alpha \in A} \langle x, \chi_\alpha \rangle \chi_\alpha$ .*
- (b) *Every  $x \in H$  satisfies  $\|x\|^2 = \sum_{\alpha \in A} |\langle x, \chi_\alpha \rangle|^2$ .*
- (c)  *$\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is complete in  $H$ .  $\square$*

The informed reader would observe that (a) of (2.1) is a *Fourier series* expansion of  $x$  while (b) of (2.1) is its *Parseval equality*, both with respect to  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ . The import of this equivalence (in the light of (a) of (2.1) (respectively, (b) of (2.1))) is that every  $x \in H$  has a Fourier series expansion in terms of any known complete orthonormal family in  $H$ . We could then say that the subset  $H(\chi_\alpha)$  of  $H$  given as

$$\{x \in H : x = \sum_{\alpha \in A} \langle x, \chi_\alpha \rangle \chi_\alpha, \text{ for some orthonormal family } \{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A} \text{ in } H\}$$

(equivalently, the subset  $H_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_\alpha)$  of  $H$  given also as

$$\{x \in H : \|x\|^2 = \sum_{\alpha \in A} |\langle x, \chi_\alpha \rangle|^2, \text{ for some orthonormal family } \{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A} \text{ in } H\})$$

is exactly  $H$  if, and only if,  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is complete. Indeed another version of the equivalence of Lemma 2.1, whose formulation serves as our point of departure, is given as follows.

**2.2 Lemma.** *Let  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  denote a mutually orthonormal family in a Hilbert space  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ . The following are equivalent:*

- (a)  $H(\chi_\alpha) = H$
- (b)  $H_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_\alpha) = H$
- (c)  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is complete in  $H$ .  $\square$

**2.3 Remarks.** It may be safely conjectured that the *Fourier subspace*  $H(\chi_\alpha)$  as well as the *Parseval subspace*  $H_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_\alpha)$  (of a Hilbert space  $H$ ) with respect to a complete mutually orthonormal family will always be equal to  $H$ . It will be a delight to study the disparity between the *Fourier subspace*  $H(\chi_\alpha)$  as well as the *Parseval subspace*  $H_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_\alpha)$  (of  $H$  with respect to the mutually orthonormal family  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ ) and their inclusions in  $H$ , when the family  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is not complete.

For example, if the family  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  of mutually orthonormal members in  $H$  is such that  $\langle x, \chi_\alpha \rangle = 0$  (for every  $\alpha \in A$ ) does not necessarily imply whether  $x = 0$  or  $x \neq 0$ , it is possible to then have that

$$0 \leq \|x\|^2 = \sum_{\alpha \in A} |\langle x, \chi_\alpha \rangle|^2 = 0,$$

showing in this case (for the family  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  in which  $\langle x, \chi_\alpha \rangle = 0$  (for every  $\alpha \in A$ ) does not necessarily imply whether  $x = 0$  or  $x \neq 0$ ) that we now have  $H_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_\alpha) = \{0\}$  ( $= H(\chi_\alpha) \neq H$ , showing that both subspaces are too small and far from being equal to  $H$ ). This shows at a glance the importance of completeness of the family  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  in the consideration of the *Parseval equality*, for the non-triviality of these two subspaces  $H(\chi_\alpha)$  and  $H_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_\alpha)$  and for the sustenance of the relationship of equality (of Lemma 2.2) between  $H(\chi_\alpha)$  and  $H_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_\alpha)$ .  $\square$

However, and as it shall be shown in the next section, these two subspaces,  $H(\chi_\alpha)$  and  $H_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_\alpha)$  may be considered for an *appropriately chosen* not-necessarily complete orthonormal family  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  and with which they would still be found not to be too small in sizes (in comparison with  $H$ ). This choice of a not-necessarily complete orthonormal family  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  would equally help and be appropriate in order that both  $H(\chi_\alpha)$  and  $H_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_\alpha)$  be *lifted* to all of  $H$ . All this in a moment.

A well-known method of computing complete orthonormal family of functions is via the matrix coefficients of irreducible unitary representations of a compact groups  $G$  which is then used to decompose  $L^2(G)$  into invariant subspaces, leading to the decomposition of the right regular representation on  $G$  (which sadly, does not generalize to *non-compact topological groups*). Here is the technique.

Denote the *dual* of a compact group  $G$  by  $\widehat{G}$ , consisting of all its equivalence classes of irreducible unitary representations. For  $\lambda \in \widehat{G}$  denote by  $u_{ij}^\lambda$  the corresponding matrix coefficient representative of the class  $\lambda$  whose

degree is also denoted by  $d(\lambda)$ . Then the set

$$\{\sqrt{d(\lambda)}u_{ij}^\lambda : \lambda \in \widehat{G}, 1 \leq i, j \leq d(\lambda)\}$$

consists of a maximal set of complete orthonormal family of functions in  $L^2(G)$  and (hence) every  $f \in L^2(G)$  can be expanded as

$$f = \sum_{\lambda \in \widehat{G}} d(\lambda) \sum_{i,j}^{d(\lambda)} \langle f, u_{ij}^\lambda \rangle u_{ij}^\lambda$$

(with convergence in the norm of  $L^2(G)$ ) whose *Fourier transform*

$$\widehat{f} : \widehat{G} \rightarrow M_{d(\lambda)}(\mathbb{C}) : \lambda \mapsto \widehat{f}(\lambda) = (\widehat{f}(\lambda)_{ij})_{i,j=1}^{d(\lambda)}$$

is given as  $\widehat{f}(\lambda)_{ij} := \langle f, u_{ij}^\lambda \rangle$  (where  $M_{d(\lambda)}(\mathbb{C})$  denotes the algebra of matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{C}$  and degree  $d(\lambda)$ ). It then follows that for any compact group  $G$ , the *Fourier subspace*  $L^2(G)(\sqrt{d(\lambda)}u_{ij}^\lambda)$  of  $L^2(G)$  is given as

$$L^2(G)(\sqrt{d(\lambda)}u_{ij}^\lambda) := \{f \in L^2(G) : f = \sum_{\lambda \in \widehat{G}} d(\lambda) \sum_{i,j}^{d(\lambda)} \langle f, u_{ij}^\lambda \rangle u_{ij}^\lambda\} = L^2(G)$$

( $=L^2(G)_{\mathfrak{p}}(\sqrt{d(\lambda)}u_{ij}^\lambda)$ , the *Parseval subspace* of  $L^2(G)$ ), with respect to the family  $\{\sqrt{d(\lambda)}u_{ij}^\lambda : \lambda \in \widehat{G}, 1 \leq i, j \leq d(\lambda)\}$ . We then have the abstract direct-sum decomposition of  $L^2(G)$  given as

$$L^2(G) = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \widehat{G}} \bigoplus_{i=1}^{d(\lambda)} H_i^\lambda,$$

where  $H_i^\lambda := \sum_{j=1}^{d(\lambda)} \mathbb{C}u_{ij}^\lambda$ . This is the content of *Peter-Weyl Theorem*, [5.], and we shall refer to the set

$$\{\sqrt{d(\lambda)}u_{ij}^\lambda : \lambda \in \widehat{G}, 1 \leq i, j \leq d(\lambda)\}$$

as the *standard Peter-Weyl orthonormal set* on  $G$ .

The inability of being able to get an orthonormal family in  $L^2(G)$  for a non-compact topological group  $G$  in the above tradition of Peter-Weyl is the first stumbling block to harmonic analysis on such groups, which has been

considerably understood and completely developed via a rigorous treatment of the rich structure of differential equations satisfied by matrix-coefficients of members of each of the classes in  $\widehat{G}$ , [2]. This paper presents a constructive method of getting a not-necessarily complete orthonormal set which is *close enough* to being a complete orthonormal family in an arbitrary Hilbert space  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  and/or in  $L^2(G)$ , for a compact group (and introduced the same technique for a semisimple Lie group) offering a more general Fourier series expansion of each member of an appropriate subspace of  $H$  and/or  $L^2(G)$ .

Starting with a compact group (before extending the notion to all connected semisimple Lie groups, with finite center, via its *Iwasawa decomposition*) we would however not approach harmonic analysis on the groups via the completeness (and consequent denseness) of the *standard Peter-Weyl orthonormal set*, but via a denseness in the  $L^2$ -space which would be found to be possible from an *almost complete* orthonormal set.

### §3. Semicomplete orthonormal set in a compact group.

The existence of different special functions and polynomials of mathematical physics, which have been established to be orthonormal in various semisimple Lie groups (compact and non-compact types), is well-known. However the absence of completeness of these orthonormal families (under the structure of their individual corresponding groups) is the first stumbling block to a direct *Peter-Weyl harmonic analysis* of them. In this section we shall define and study the concept of a *semicomplete* orthonormal family in a compact group in order to extend this concept to the harmonic analysis of all semisimple Lie groups in the next section.

**3.1 Definition.** (*Semicomplete orthonormal family*) Let  $G$  denote a compact group and let the members of the non-empty set  $A$  be ordered such that  $A = \{\alpha_i^j\}_{i,j}$ . An orthonormal family  $\{\chi_{\alpha_i^j}\}_{\alpha_i^j \in A}$  in  $L^2(G)$  is said to be *semicomplete* if given  $\epsilon > 0$  there exist some non-zero scalars

$$\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_k, \dots, \beta_{11}, \dots, \beta_{ij}, \dots \in \mathbb{C}$$

and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\left\| \sum_{\lambda \in \widehat{G}} d(\lambda) \sum_{i,j=1}^{d(\lambda)} \langle f, u_{ij}^\lambda \rangle u_{ij}^\lambda - \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_{ij} \sum_{\alpha_i^j \in A} \langle f, \chi_{\alpha_i^j} \rangle \chi_{\alpha_i^j} \right\|_2 < \epsilon$$

for every  $f \in L^2(G)$ .  $\square$

The quantity

$$\sum_{\lambda \in \widehat{G}} d(\lambda) \sum_{i,j=1}^{d(\lambda)} \langle f, u_{ij}^\lambda \rangle u_{ij}^\lambda$$

in Definition 3.1 above may be replaced with  $f$  (due to the *Peter-Weyl Theorem*), so that the other quantity

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_{ij} \sum_{\alpha_i^j \in A} \langle f, \chi_{\alpha_i^j} \rangle \chi_{\alpha_i^j}$$

(in the same Definition above) should be seen as the *total contribution* of  $\{\chi_{\alpha_i^j}\}_{\alpha_i^j \in A}$  in  $L^2(G)$  in its bid to attain  $f$ . Thus the informed reader would see that the inequality in Definition 3.1 above simply gives a measure of how close to the completeness (of  $\{\sqrt{d(\lambda)}u_{ij}^\lambda\}$ ) is the orthonormal set  $\{\chi_{\alpha_i^j}\}_{\alpha_i^j \in A}$ .

The *standard Peter-Weyl orthonormal basis*  $\{\sqrt{d(\lambda)}u_{ij}^\lambda\}$  used in the above Definition 3.1 may be replaced by any other known complete orthonormal set  $\{v_\mu\}_{\mu \in B}$  in  $L^2(G)$  while the concept of a semicomplete orthonormal set (for  $\{\chi_{\alpha_i^j}\}_{\alpha_i^j \in A}$ ) could also be defined for an arbitrary Hilbert space,  $H$ , so as to have what may be generally called a *semicomplete orthonormal set in  $H$  with respect to (the complete orthonormal set)  $\{v_\mu\}_{\mu \in B}$  in  $H$* . If in this general case the set  $\{v_\mu\}_{\mu \in B}$  in  $H$  is also not necessarily complete, we may arrive at the notion of a *relative semicomplete orthonormal set* for  $\{\chi_{\alpha_i^j}\}_{\alpha_i^j \in A}$  in  $H$  with respect to  $\{v_\mu\}_{\mu \in B}$  in  $H$ . Thus Definition 3.1 may therefore be seen as giving *semicompleteness* of  $\{\chi_{\alpha_i^j}\}_{\alpha_i^j \in A}$  in  $L^2(G)$  with respect to the *standard Peter-Weyl orthonormal basis*  $\{\sqrt{d(\lambda)}u_{ij}^\lambda\}$ .

It is clear that every complete orthonormal set in  $L^2(G)$  (or in any Hilbert space,  $H$ ) is automatically semicomplete; simply choose  $A = \widehat{G}$ ,  $\gamma_j = \beta_{ij} = 1$ , but not conversely. An inductive method of immediately constructing a semicomplete orthonormal set in a compact group is by a method of *selective omission* of some number of members in any known complete (or of the *standard Peter-Weyl*) orthonormal set with a *controlled bound*. The control of the bound in the method of *selective omission* would be achieved using the *Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma*.

This method, as contained in the following, equally gives an *existence* argument for the concept of a semicomplete orthonormal set in a compact group.



**3.2 Lemma.** (*Existence of a semicomplete orthonormal set: the standard Riemann-Lebesgue orthonormal set on the Torus,  $\mathbb{T}$* ) There exist  $\lambda_0 \in \widehat{\mathbb{T}}$  for which

$$| \langle f, u_{km}^\lambda \rangle | < \frac{\epsilon}{d(\lambda_0)^2},$$

for every  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$ ,  $|\lambda| \geq |\lambda_0|$  and  $1 \leq k, m \leq d(\lambda_0)$ . Moreover,

$$\{ \sqrt{d(\lambda)} u_{ij}^\lambda : \lambda \in \widehat{G} \setminus \{\lambda_0\}, 1 \leq i, j \leq d(\lambda) \}$$

is a semicomplete orthonormal set on  $\mathbb{T}$ .

**Proof.** Since the dual group  $\widehat{\mathbb{T}}$  is discrete, so that

$$\lim_{|\lambda| \rightarrow \infty} \langle f, u_{ij}^\lambda \rangle = \lim_{|\lambda| \rightarrow \infty} \widehat{f(\lambda)}_{ij} = 0 \quad (\text{by the Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma}),$$

it follows that there are (infinitely) many possible  $\lambda \in \widehat{G}$  (choose such one  $\lambda_0$ ) with  $|\lambda| \geq |\lambda_0|$  for which  $| \langle f, u_{km}^\lambda \rangle | = | \langle f, u_{km}^\lambda \rangle - 0 | < \frac{\epsilon}{d(\lambda_0)^2}$ , for every  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$  and  $1 \leq k, m \leq d(\lambda_0)$ , as required. Hence,

$$\| \sum_{\lambda \in \widehat{\mathbb{T}}} d(\lambda) \sum_{i,j=1}^{d(\lambda)} \langle f, u_{ij}^\lambda \rangle u_{ij}^\lambda - \sum_{\lambda \in \widehat{\mathbb{T}} \setminus \{\lambda_0\}} d(\lambda) \sum_{i,j=1}^{d(\lambda)} \langle f, u_{ij}^\lambda \rangle u_{ij}^\lambda \|_2 = \| d(\lambda_0) \sum_{i,j=1}^{d(\lambda_0)} \langle f, u_{ij}^{\lambda_0} \rangle u_{ij}^{\lambda_0} \|_2$$

$$\leq d(\lambda_0) \sum_{i,j=1}^{d(\lambda_0)} | \langle f, u_{ij}^{\lambda_0} \rangle | < \epsilon, \text{ for every } f \in L^2(\mathbb{T}). \quad \square$$

The technique of Lemma 3.2 may be extended as follows. Generally, choose (as assured by the *Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma*)  $\lambda_0^{(1)}, \lambda_0^{(2)}, \dots \in \widehat{\mathbb{T}}$  for which

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} | \langle f, u_{ij}^{\lambda_0^{(k)}} \rangle | < \frac{\epsilon}{(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d(\lambda_0^{(k)}))^2}$$

where  $|\lambda| \geq \max\{|\lambda_0^{(1)}|, |\lambda_0^{(2)}|, \dots\}$  and  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$ . Then, with proof essentially the same as in Lemma 3.2, the set

$$\{ \sqrt{d(\lambda)} u_{ij}^\lambda : \lambda \in \widehat{G} \setminus \{\lambda_0^{(1)}, \lambda_0^{(2)}, \dots\}, 1 \leq i, j \leq d(\lambda) \}$$

is a semicomplete orthonormal set on  $\mathbb{T}$ . We shall henceforth refer to the semicomplete orthonormal set

$$\{ \sqrt{d(\lambda)} u_{ij}^\lambda : \lambda \in \widehat{\mathbb{T}} \setminus \{\lambda_0^{(1)}, \lambda_0^{(2)}, \dots\}, 1 \leq i, j \leq d(\lambda) \}$$



as the *standard Riemann-Lebesgue (semicomplete) orthonormal set* on  $\mathbb{T}$  (being in correspondence with the *standard Peter-Weyl (complete) orthonormal set*,  $\{\sqrt{d(\lambda)}u_{ij}^\lambda\}$ .)

Other *non-standard* examples of Definition 3.1 may be deduced from the numerous *special functions* of mathematical physics where their corresponding non-zero scalars  $\gamma_j$  and  $\beta_{ij}$  in Definition 3.1 could be calculated from.

**3.3 Remarks.** In contrast to the zero-subspace  $H_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_\alpha)$  of Remarks 2.3 we may, in the context of a semicomplete orthonormal set  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  in a Hilbert space  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ , consider the subspace

$$H'_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_\alpha) := \{x \in H : \langle x, \chi_\alpha \rangle = 0, \text{ (for every } \alpha \in A) \text{ implies } x = 0\},$$

for some orthonormal set  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  in  $H$ . It is clear (from Lemma 2.2) that  $H'_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_\alpha) = H$  (hence equal to  $H(\chi_\alpha)$  and  $H_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_\alpha)$ ) if, and only if,  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is complete in  $H$  and that, when  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is semicomplete in  $H$  or in  $L^2(G)$ , both  $H_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_\alpha)$  and  $H'_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_\alpha)$  are non-zero: an example may be seen from using the *standard Riemann-Lebesgue orthonormal set* on  $\mathbb{T}$ . In general, we have the following.

**3.4 Lemma.** *Let  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  denote any Hilbert space. Then*

$$H(\chi_\alpha) \subseteq H'_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_\alpha)$$

*for any semicomplete orthonormal set  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  in  $H$ .*

**Proof.** Choose any  $x \in H(\chi_\alpha)$ , then  $x = \sum_{\alpha \in A} \langle x, \chi_\alpha \rangle \chi_\alpha$ . Now if  $\langle x, \chi_\alpha \rangle = 0$ , for every  $\alpha \in A$ , then

$$x = \sum_{\alpha \in A} \langle x, \chi_\alpha \rangle \chi_\alpha = \sum_{\alpha \in A} (0) \chi_\alpha = 0;$$

showing that  $x = 0$  as required.  $\square$

We shall refer to  $H'_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_\alpha)$  as the *prime-Parseval subspace* of  $H$  and the choice of this term is further reinforced by the following facts.

**3.5 Lemma.** (cf. Lemma 2.2) *Let  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  denote a semicomplete orthonormal set in a Hilbert space  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  and let  $x \in H$ . Then  $x \in H'_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_\alpha)$  whenever  $\|x\|^2 = \sum_{\alpha \in A} |\langle x, \chi_\alpha \rangle|^2$ .*

**Proof.** If  $\|x\|^2 = \sum_{\alpha \in A} |\langle x, \chi_\alpha \rangle|^2$  and  $|\langle x, \chi_\alpha \rangle| = 0$  (for every  $\alpha \in A$ ), then  $\|x\|^2 = \sum_{\alpha \in A} |\langle x, \chi_\alpha \rangle|^2 = \sum_{\alpha \in A} (0) = 0$ ; showing that  $x = 0$ . Hence  $x \in H'_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_\alpha)$ .  $\square$

Lemma 3.5 shows the first partial connection between the satisfaction of *Parseval equality*, on one hand, and membership in the *prime-Parseval*

*subspace*, on the other. The last Lemma may also be seen as saying that the subset of  $H$  given as

$$\{x \in H : \|x\|^2 = \sum_{\alpha \in A} |\langle x, \chi_\alpha \rangle|^2, \text{ for any orthonormal set } \{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}\}$$

is also a subset of  $H'_p(\chi_\alpha)$ , with clear equality when  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is complete. It will be satisfying to also have the reverse inclusion,

$$H'_p(\chi_\alpha) \subseteq \{x \in H : \|x\|^2 = \sum_{\alpha \in A} |\langle x, \chi_\alpha \rangle|^2, \text{ for any orthonormal set } \{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}\}$$

due to the importance of the Parseval equality in the fine properties of Fourier transform. We shall deal with this concern in Lemma 3.12.

Even though a semicomplete orthonormal set  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  in  $L^2(G)$  (or in a Hilbert space  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ ) may not be dense, as it is generally expected of a complete orthonormal set, we may still however employ this orthonormal set to construct some dense subspaces of  $L^2(G)$  (or of a Hilbert space  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ ) as follows. Indeed, the following results on the *Fourier subspace* for  $L^2(G)$  are also valid for an arbitrary Hilbert space,  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  and for a *relative semicomplete orthonormal set* in  $H$ .

**3.6 Theorem.** *Let  $G$  denote a compact and let  $\{\chi_{\alpha_i^j}\}_{\alpha_i^j \in A}$  denote a semicomplete orthonormal set on  $G$ . Then  $L^2(G)(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$  is topologically dense in  $L^2(G)$ .*

**Proof.** Since every  $f \in L^2(G)$  may be expanded as

$$\sum_{\lambda \in \widehat{G}} d(\lambda) \sum_{i,j=1}^{d(\lambda)} \langle f, u_{ij}^\lambda \rangle u_{ij}^\lambda$$

(with convergence in the norm of  $L^2(G)$ ) it follows that for  $\epsilon > 0$  we have

$$\|f - \sum_{\lambda \in \widehat{G}} d(\lambda) \sum_{i,j=1}^{d(\lambda)} \langle f, u_{ij}^\lambda \rangle u_{ij}^\lambda\|_2 < \frac{\epsilon}{2}.$$

Now

$$\|f - \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_{ij} \sum_{\alpha_i^j \in A} \langle f, \chi_{\alpha_i^j} \rangle \chi_{\alpha_i^j}\|_2 \leq \|f - \sum_{\lambda \in \widehat{G}} d(\lambda) \sum_{i,j=1}^{d(\lambda)} \langle f, u_{ij}^\lambda \rangle u_{ij}^\lambda\|_2$$

$$+ \left\| \sum_{\lambda \in \widehat{G}} d(\lambda) \sum_{i,j=1}^{d(\lambda)} \langle f, u_{ij}^\lambda \rangle u_{ij}^\lambda - \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_{ij} \sum_{\alpha_i^j \in A} \langle f, \chi_{\alpha_i^j} \rangle \chi_{\alpha_i^j} \right\|_2 < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon. \quad \square$$

In more specific terms we have the following.

**3.7 Corollary.** *Let  $G$  denote a compact group and let  $\{\chi_{\alpha_i^j}\}_{\alpha_i^j \in A}$  denote a semicomplete orthonormal set on  $G$ . Then every  $f \in L^2(G)$  can be expanded as*

$$f = \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_{ij} \sum_{\alpha_i^j \in A} \langle f, \chi_{\alpha_i^j} \rangle \chi_{\alpha_i^j}$$

for some  $\gamma_j, \beta_{ij} \in \mathbb{C}$  with convergence in the norm on  $L^2(G)$ .  $\square$

We may refer to the expansion of  $f$  in Corollary 3.7 as a *semi-Fourier series expansion* for  $f \in L^2(G)$  or  $H$  with respect to  $\{\chi_{\alpha_i^j}\}_{\alpha_i^j \in A}$ . A stronger form of Theorem 3.6 carved in the form of the equivalence of Lemma 2.2 and which generalizes the fact that a mutually orthonormal family  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is complete (in a Hilbert space  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ ) if, and only if,  $H(\chi_\alpha) = H$  (cf. Lemma 2.2) is also possible when the mutually orthonormal family  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is semicomplete in  $H$ . We prove this below in the special case of  $H = L^2(G)$ .

**3.8 Theorem.** *Let  $G$  denote a compact group and let  $\{\chi_{\alpha_i^j}\}_{\alpha_i^j \in A}$  denote a mutually orthonormal set on  $G$  whose Fourier subspace is denoted as  $L^2(G)(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$ . Then  $L^2(G)(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$  is topologically dense in  $L^2(G)$  if, and only if,  $\{\chi_{\alpha_i^j}\}_{\alpha_i^j \in A}$  is semicomplete.*

**Proof.** That  $L^2(G)(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$  is topologically dense in  $L^2(G)$  if  $\{\chi_{\alpha_i^j}\}_{\alpha_i^j \in A}$  is semicomplete is the content of Theorem 3.6. Now choose  $f \in L^2(G)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \sum_{\lambda \in \widehat{G}} d(\lambda) \sum_{i,j=1}^{d(\lambda)} \langle f, u_{ij}^\lambda \rangle u_{ij}^\lambda - \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_{ij} \sum_{\alpha_i^j \in A} \langle f, \chi_{\alpha_i^j} \rangle \chi_{\alpha_i^j} \right\|_2 \\ & \leq \left\| \sum_{\lambda \in \widehat{G}} d(\lambda) \sum_{i,j=1}^{d(\lambda)} \langle f, u_{ij}^\lambda \rangle u_{ij}^\lambda - f \right\|_2 + \left\| f - \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_{ij} \sum_{\alpha_i^j \in A} \langle f, \chi_{\alpha_i^j} \rangle \chi_{\alpha_i^j} \right\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$  (using the *Peter-Weyl theorem* and Corollary 3.7, respectively).  $\square$

This Theorem would enable us to see the *Peter-Weyl series expansion* of every  $f \in L^2(G)$ , given as

$$f = \sum_{\lambda \in \widehat{G}} d(\lambda) \sum_{i,j=1}^{d(\lambda)} \langle f, u_{ij}^\lambda \rangle u_{ij}^\lambda$$

(with convergence in the  $L^2$ -norm), as the restriction of the *semi-Fourier series expansion*

$$f = \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_{ij} \sum_{\alpha_i^j \in A} \langle f, \chi_{\alpha_i^j} \rangle \chi_{\alpha_i^j}$$

to the *standard Peter-Weyl (complete) mutually orthonormal set*  $\{\sqrt{d(\lambda)} u_{ij}^\lambda\}$ . Indeed Theorem 3.8 leads to the same conclusion for the *prime-Parseval subspace*  $L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$ .

**3.9 Corollary.** *Let  $G$  denote a compact group and let  $\{\chi_{\alpha_i^j}\}_{\alpha_i^j \in A}$  denote a mutually orthonormal set on  $G$ . Then  $L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$  is topologically dense in  $L^2(G)$  if, and only if,  $\{\chi_{\alpha_i^j}\}_{\alpha_i^j \in A}$  is semicomplete.*

**Proof.** Consider Lemma 3.4 in the light of Theorem 3.8.  $\square$

The inclusion  $L^2(G)(\chi_{\alpha_i^j}) \subseteq L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$  of Lemma 3.4, when combined with both Theorem 3.7 and Corollary 3.9, implies the following.

**3.10 Corollary.**  *$L^2(G)(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$  is topologically dense in  $L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$ .*  $\square$

The converse of Lemma 3.5 is now immediate for both  $L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$  and (even)  $H'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$  in any arbitrary Hilbert space,  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ .

**3.11 Lemma.** (cf. Lemma 2.2) *Let  $G$  denote a compact group and let  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  denote a mutually orthonormal set on  $G$ . Then  $f \in L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\chi_\alpha)$  if, and only if,  $\|f\|_2^2 = \sum_{\alpha \in A} |\langle f, \chi_\alpha \rangle|^2$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $f \in L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\chi_\alpha)$ . We may take  $f \in L^2(G)(\chi_\alpha)$  due to Corollary 3.10; so that  $f = \sum_{\alpha \in A} \langle f, \chi_\alpha \rangle \chi_\alpha$ . Hence

$$0 = \|f - \sum_{\alpha \in A} \langle f, \chi_\alpha \rangle \chi_\alpha\|_2^2 = \|f\|_2^2 - \sum_{\alpha \in A} |\langle f, \chi_\alpha \rangle|^2,$$

as required.  $\square$

Hence, the *prime-Parseval subspace*  $L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$  may finally be seen (for some orthonormal set  $\{\chi_{\alpha_i^j}\}_{\alpha_i^j \in A}$ ) as

$$L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\chi_{\alpha_i^j}) = \{f \in L^2(G) : \|f\|_2^2 = \sum_{\alpha_i^j \in A} |\langle f, \chi_{\alpha_i^j} \rangle|^2\}$$

We now have enough preparation to introduce a Fourier transform  $f \mapsto \hat{f}$  on the *prime-Parseval subspace*,  $L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$ .

Consider  $f \in L^2(G)$  and for every  $\alpha \in A$  define the matrix  $\hat{f}(\alpha)$  whose entries are given as

$$\hat{f}(\alpha)_{ij} := \hat{f}(\alpha_i^j).$$

That is,  $\widehat{f}(\alpha)_{ij} := \langle f, \chi_{\alpha_i^j} \rangle$ , for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ . The Parseval inequality of  $L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$  (in Lemma 3.11) therefore becomes  $\|f\|_2^2 = \sum_{\alpha \in A} \|\widehat{f}(\alpha)\|^2$ , for every  $f \in L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$ , where  $\|\widehat{f}(\alpha)\|^2$  is the Hilbert-Schmidt norm of the matrix

$$\widehat{f}(\alpha) = (\widehat{f}(\alpha)_{ij})_{i,j=1}^n = (\widehat{f}(\alpha_i^j))_{i,j=1}^n.$$

In other words, and in terms of our choice of indexing  $A$ , we have

$$\|f\|_2^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \sum_{\alpha_i^j \in A} \|\widehat{f}(\alpha_i^j)\|^2,$$

for  $f \in L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$ .

**3.12 Definition.** Set  $L^2(A)$  as the space of matrix-valued functions  $\varphi$  on  $A$  with values in  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n(\mathbb{C})$  satisfying

- (i)  $\varphi(\alpha_i^j) \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  for all  $\alpha_i^j \in A$  and
- (ii)  $\sum_{i,j=1}^n \sum_{\alpha_i^j \in A} \|\varphi(\alpha_i^j)\|^2 < \infty$ .  $\square$

The inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  on  $L^2(A)$  given as

$$(\varphi, \psi) := \sum_{i,j=1}^n \sum_{\alpha_i^j \in A} \text{tr}(\varphi(\alpha_i^j) \psi(\alpha_i^j)^*),$$

$\varphi, \psi \in L^2(A)$  converts  $(L^2(A), (\cdot, \cdot))$  into a Hilbert space. We can then establish a connection between the *prime-Parseval subspace*  $L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$  (which is a Hilbert subspace of  $L^2(G)$ ) and  $L^2(A)$ .

**3.13 Theorem.** (Fourier image of the *prime-Parseval subspace*) Let  $G$  denote a compact group and let  $\{\chi_{\alpha_i^j}\}_{\alpha_i^j \in A}$  denote a semicomplete mutually orthonormal set on  $G$ . Then the map

$$\mathcal{H} : L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\chi_{\alpha_i^j}) \rightarrow L^2(A) : f \mapsto \mathcal{H}(f) := \widehat{f}$$

is an isometry of  $L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$  onto  $L^2(A)$ .  $\square$

Theorem 3.13 is very familiar when the semicomplete mutually orthonormal set  $\{\chi_{\alpha_i^j}\}_{\alpha_i^j \in A}$  is the complete mutually orthonormal set  $\{\sqrt{d(\lambda)} u_{ij}^\lambda\}$ . We do not yet know the general connection between the set  $A$  and the dual group  $\widehat{G}$ , except in the special cases of the *standard Riemann-Lebesgue (semicomplete) orthonormal sets* on  $\mathbb{T}$ . We however see  $A$  as a general form of  $\widehat{G}$  which

may take the usual form of  $\widehat{G}$  in specific cases. If we set

$$H_i^\alpha := \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{C} \chi_{\alpha_i^j},$$

for  $\alpha = \alpha_i^j \in A$  and  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , then the Hilbert subspace  $L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$  of  $L^2(G)$  has the direct-sum decomposition

$$L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_\alpha) = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} \bigoplus_{i=1}^n H_i^\alpha.$$

The results of this section laid a foundation for harmonic analysis of the *prime-Parseval subspace*  $H'_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$  with respect to a semicomplete orthonormal set  $\{\chi_{\alpha_i^j}\}_{\alpha_i^j \in A}$  in a Hilbert space,  $H$ . Having considered the case of the Hilbert space  $L^2(G)$ , for a compact group  $G$ , in this section it will be a delight to use these foundational results (on both  $H'_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$  and  $L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$ ) in the understanding of further properties of  $L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{P}}(\chi_{\alpha_i^j})$  in the full sight of the semicompleteness of  $\{\chi_{\alpha_i^j}\}_{\alpha_i^j \in A}$ . We shall give a very short introduction to this type of study for a connected semisimple Lie group in the next section.

It is clear from Lemma 3.2, for *standard (Riemann-Lebesgue)* examples of a semicomplete orthonormal set in an arbitrary Hilbert space  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  or in  $L^2(G)$ , that the non-zero constants  $\gamma_j$  and  $\beta_{ij}$  would always be  $\gamma_j = \beta_{ij} = 1$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq |\widehat{G} \setminus \{\lambda_0^{(1)}, \lambda_0^{(2)}, \dots\}|$ . However, for *non-standard* examples of a semicomplete orthonormal set in an arbitrary Hilbert space  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  or in  $L^2(G)$ , the *semi-Fourier series expansion* of Corollary 3.7 may have to be broken down in order for general expressions for  $\gamma_j$  and  $\beta_{ij}$  to be known. A first result along this line is the following.

**3.14 Lemma.** *Let  $\{\chi_{\alpha_i^j}\}_{\alpha_i^j \in A}$  denote a semicomplete orthonormal set in a Hilbert space  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  and let  $x \in H$ . Then*

$$\langle x, \chi_{\alpha_i^j} \rangle = \gamma_i \beta_{ij} \langle x, \chi_{\alpha_i^i} \rangle,$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . In particular,  $\gamma_i \beta_{ii} = 1$ .

**Proof.** We have that  $\langle x, \chi_{\alpha_k^j} \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_{ij} \sum_{\alpha_i^j \in A} \langle x, \chi_{\alpha_i^j} \rangle \langle \chi_{\alpha_i^j}, \chi_{\alpha_k^j} \rangle$ .

Due to the orthogonality of the set  $\{\chi_{\alpha_i^j}\}_{\alpha_i^j \in A}$  the above equality reduces to  $\langle x, \chi_{\alpha_i^j} \rangle = \gamma_i \beta_{ij} \langle x, \chi_{\alpha_i^i} \rangle$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  as required.

Now  $(1 - \gamma_i \beta_{ii}) \langle x, \chi_{\alpha_i^i} \rangle = 0$  from where we have  $\gamma_i \beta_{ii} = 1$ .  $\square$

#### §4. K-semicomplete orthonormal set in a semisimple Lie group.

The success in §3. of the use of the notion of a *semicomplete orthonormal* set in the harmonic analysis of a compact group, culminating in the extraction and elucidation of the *prime-Parseval subspace* as well as its Fourier image, shows the central importance and the correct use of *Parseval equality* and the concept of *completeness* (of an orthonormal set) in the abstract Peter-Weyl theory of a compact group and in the understanding of the hitherto unknown subspaces of  $L^2(G)$  under the influence of the Fourier transform. This study (which led us to the consideration of the *prime-Parseval subspace*  $L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\chi_{\alpha_i})$  corresponding to a semicomplete orthonormal set  $\{\chi_{\alpha_i}\}_{\alpha_i \in A}$  on  $G$ ) is reminiscent of and may be compared with the extraction and harmonic analysis of the *Schwartz algebra* in the  $L^2$ -theory of semisimple Lie groups which was started in the Yale thesis [1(a.)] of James Arthur (continued and completed in two later manuscripts, [1(b.)] and [1(c.)]). In a more recent publication, harmonic analysis of other spaces of functions on semisimple Lie groups, namely of the space of *spherical convolutions*, has been introduced in [3.] leading to the explicit construction of the corresponding *Plancherel formula* for such functions. The present paper has also introduced the *Fourier* and *prime-Parseval subspaces* of  $L^2(G)$  (or of any arbitrary Hilbert space,  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ ).

Having shown in §3. the essential importance of the Parseval equality (which is the precursor of the Plancherel formula) in the consideration of the actual subspace of  $L^2(G)$  under the natural action of the Fourier transform, we shall here consider studying the same theory (of a semicomplete orthonormal set) but for all semisimple Lie groups, having removed the impediments posed by the *completeness* for orthonormal sets on such Lie groups.

It is well-known that orthonormal sets (of functions and polynomials) are numerous and readily available in the  $L^2$ -space (and more recently in some distinguished subspaces of the  $L^{2n}$ -spaces [4.]) of semisimple Lie groups. Indeed every semisimple Lie group has its corresponding orthonormal set, an example is  $G = SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  and its *Legendre functions*.

Even though these sets of orthonormal functions and polynomials are central to harmonic analysis on these groups, their direct importance in or contribution to the decomposition of (sub-)spaces of  $L^2(G)$  or expansion of their members is not yet known. In the outlook of the present section (and



of the entire paper) any orthonormal set on a semisimple Lie group known to have been  $K$ -semicomplete (in the sense to be soon made precise) could be a basis of some subspaces of  $L^2(G)$ .

**4.1 Definition.** ( $K$ -semicomplete orthonormal set) Let  $G = KAN$  denote the Iwasawa decomposition of a connected semisimple Lie group  $G$  with finite center. An orthonormal set  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  on  $G$  is said to be  $K$ -semicomplete whenever its restriction to  $K$ , written as  $\{(\chi_\alpha)|_K\}_{\alpha \in A}$ , is a semicomplete orthonormal set in  $L^2(K)$ .  $\square$

It is relatively easy to construct a  $K$ -semicomplete orthonormal set on any connected semisimple Lie group  $G$ , from any given semicomplete orthonormal set on  $K$  as follows.

**4.2 An example.** Choose any of the numerous orthonormal sets  $\{\xi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  in  $L^2(K)$  as constructed in §3. and, for every  $x = kan \in G$ , define the map  $\chi_\alpha : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  as

$$\chi_\alpha(x) = \chi_\alpha(kan) := e^{f(an)} \xi_\alpha(k),$$

where  $f : AN \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  satisfies

- (i)  $f(1) = 0$ ,
- (ii)  $\int_{AN} e^{2\Re(f(an))} dadn = 1$  and
- (iii)  $\int_{AN} g(kan) (e^{\overline{f(an)} + f(a_1 n_1)}) dadn = g(k)$ , for  $g \in L^2(G)$ ,  $a_1 \in A$ ,  $n_1 \in N$  and the normalized Haar measures  $da$  and  $dn$  on  $A$  and  $N$ , respectively.

**Proof.** Observe that since

$$\chi_\alpha(x) = \chi_\alpha(kan) := e^{f(an)} \xi_\alpha(k),$$

then for any  $k \in K$

$$\chi_\alpha(k) = \chi_\alpha(k \cdot 1 \cdot 1) := e^{f(1 \cdot 1)} \xi_\alpha(k) = \xi_\alpha(k).$$

For any  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in A$ , we have

$$\langle \chi_{\alpha_1}, \chi_{\alpha_2} \rangle = \int_K \left( \int_{AN} e^{2\Re(f(an))} dadn \right) \xi_{\alpha_1}(k) \overline{\xi_{\alpha_2}(k)} dk = \langle \xi_{\alpha_1}, \xi_{\alpha_2} \rangle$$

and

$$\| \chi_\alpha \|_2^2 = \int_K \left( \int_{AN} e^{2\Re(f(an))} dadn \right) | \xi_\alpha(k) |^2 dk = \| \xi_\alpha \|_2^2 = 1;$$

showing that  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is an orthonormal set on  $G$ . Its  $K$ -semicompleteness is also shown as follows. For a pre-assigned  $\epsilon > 0$ , we have that

$$\left\| \sum_{\lambda \in \widehat{G}} d(\lambda) \sum_{i,j=1}^{d(\lambda)} \langle g, u_{ij}^\lambda \rangle u_{ij}^\lambda - \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_{ij} \sum_{\alpha_i^j \in A} \langle g, \chi_{\alpha_i^j} \rangle \chi_{\alpha_i^j} \right\|_2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left\| \sum_{\lambda \in \widehat{G}} d(\lambda) \sum_{i,j=1}^{d(\lambda)} \langle g, u_{ij}^\lambda \rangle u_{ij}^\lambda - \int_K \left[ \int_{AN} g(kan) (e^{\overline{f(an)} + f(a_1 n_1)}) da dn \right] \right. \\
&\quad \left. \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_{ij} \sum_{\alpha_i^j \in A} \overline{\xi_{\alpha_i^j}(k)} dk \xi_{\alpha_i^j} \right\|_2 \\
&= \left\| \sum_{\lambda \in \widehat{G}} d(\lambda) \sum_{i,j=1}^{d(\lambda)} \langle g, u_{ij}^\lambda \rangle u_{ij}^\lambda - \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_{ij} \sum_{\alpha_i^j \in A} \langle g, \xi_{\alpha_i^j} \rangle \xi_{\alpha_i^j} \right\|_2 < \epsilon. \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

For any  $K$ -semicomplete orthonormal set  $\{\chi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  on  $G$  the corresponding Fourier subspace  $L^2(G)(\chi_\alpha)$  of  $L^2(G)$  is also given as

$$L^2(G)(\chi_\alpha) := \{f \in L^2(G) : f = \sum_{\alpha \in A} \langle f, \chi_\alpha \rangle \chi_\alpha\}$$

while the prime-Parseval subspace is

$$L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\chi_\alpha) := \{f \in L^2(G) : \langle f, \chi_\alpha \rangle = 0 \text{ (for every } \alpha \in A) \text{ implies } f = 0\}.$$

Clearly  $L^2(K)'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\sqrt{d(\lambda)} u_{ij}^\lambda) = L^2(K)$  (from Lemma 2.2 (ii)), both subspaces  $L^2(K)(\chi_\alpha)$  and  $L^2(K)'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\chi_\alpha)$  are topologically dense in  $L^2(K)$  (from Theorems 3.6 and 3.8 and Corollary 3.9) and there exists an isometry of  $L^2(K)'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\chi_\alpha)$  onto  $L^2(A)$  (from Theorem 3.13). We shall resume the study of the subspaces  $L^2(G)(\chi_\alpha)$  and  $L^2(G)'_{\mathfrak{p}}(\chi_\alpha)$  (for connected semisimple Lie groups,  $G$ ) in another paper.

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